

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name: Butler's Orchard Log House
2. Planning Area/Site Number: 14/47 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 7
I-8
4. Address: 22200 Davis Mill Road, Germantown
5. Classification Summary
- | | | | |
|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Category | <u>building</u> | Previous Survey Recording | <u>M-NCPPC</u> |
| Ownership | <u>private</u> | Title and Date: | <u>Inventory of Historical Sites - 1976</u> |
| Public Acquisition | <u>NA</u> | | |
| Status | <u>occupied</u> | | |
| Accessible | <u></u> | Federal | <u>State X County X Local</u> |
| Present use | <u>agriculture/private</u> | residence | |
6. Date: possibly 1801 7. Original Owner:
8. Apparent Condition
- a. excellent b. altered c. original site
9. Description: The house faces east. The north 2 bays of this 4 bay log house are the original house on the site. Built on fieldstone foundations, it has V-notched log walls, chinked and filled with cement, an exterior chimney with a massive fieldstone base and brick stack, and a gable roof covered with metal. The interior has exposed log and pine paneled walls and second floor joists; there are still traces of whitewash. There are simple door frames and wooden paneled doors.
- The south 2 bays were a log tobacco barn on a nearby farm, moved to this site in 1960. On the west elevation is a 2-story clapboarded addition built about 1953.
10. Significance: The significance of this house is its early date and the method of construction typical of middleclass landowners of the era.
- In 1801, Edward Magruder, miller, deeded 300 acres to his son, John, reserving to himself the use of the saw mill on the property and noting a building. In 1894, the sale of the property to Richard Case, included a "comfortable 2-story, 3-room log dwelling house, a blacksmith's shop," and other buildings. The acreage was reduced to 79 acres in 1865. In 1943, the same acreage transferred to Percy Norris, an agriculturist, and in 1950 the house and 36.56 acres were deeded to the present owner.
11. Researcher and date researched: Barbara Knapp - 5/79 Candy Reed Arch. Description
12. Compiler: Peg Coleman 13. Date Compiled: 6/79 14. Designation Approval
15. Acreage: 36.56 acres

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Butler's Orchard Log House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 22200 Davis Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

Germantown

☒ VICINITY OF

Cedar Grove

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME George H., Jr. & Shirley B. Butler

Telephone #: 428-0444

STREET & NUMBER

22200 Davis Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

Germantown

☒ VICINITY OF

Cedar Grove

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20767

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 2678

Folio #: 307

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20850

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Butler Log House may have been built by 1801 when a deed transferring the property mentions buildings and improvements.¹

Edward Magruder bought 729 acres of land in 1799 for 912 pounds.² Magruder built a mill, house and outbuildings, and deeded 300 acres to his son John Magruder in 1801 with the buildings and improvements, reserving for himself use of the saw mill on the property.³

In 1814, the property was again transferred with mention of buildings and the saw mill. Lifetime rights to the latter were retained by Edward Magruder. At this time the property amounted to 309½ acres.⁴ (The saw mill site seems to have disappeared over the years. However, Parker 'oole, lifetime area resident, states that his father worked at the saw mill.)

In 1865, a trustee's sale of the property listed the improvements: a good dwelling house, corn house, and mill seat.⁵ At this time the acreage was divided into two lots. The "dower's lot" of widow Mary Miller included some of the improvements and 79 acres.⁶ This property was not sold again until 1894 when a second trustee's sale was held and the plot deeded to Richard Case.⁷ Buildings at that time included a "comfortable two-story, three room log dwelling house, a blacksmith's shop," and others.⁸ Case's sons, John and James, were deeded the property.⁹

The place was sold to Robert M. Settle in 1936,¹⁰ who sold it to Irvin and Viola Curtis the same day.¹¹ Slightly over four acres were reserved for the lifetime use of John Case, the surviving Case brother.

Percy K. and Hazel A. Norris bought the 79 acres in 1943.¹² Mr. Norris worked for the Department of Agriculture. He was interested in orchards and plant experimentation, and planted a peach orchard which the present owner cherishes.

In 1950, the log house and 36.56 acres were deeded to George H. Butler, Jr., the present owner. Butler removed a lean-to built by a previous owner and added a two-story kitchen wing.¹³ In 1960, he built on a front wing made of logs from an old tobacco barn on a neighboring farm.¹⁴ In 1968, a third floor bedroom was created by adding a dormer window.¹⁵

(Continued on Attachment Sheet A)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

Attachment Sheet A

Butler built a spring house with logs from a meat house on a nearby farm. (16)

At the present time Butler operates a Pick-It-Yourself business, "Butler"s Orchard." Interested parties may purchase and pick strawberries, green beans, peaches and other fruits in season.

Footnotes:

1. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., I/418, (1801).
2. H/477, 1799.
3. I/418.
4. R/151, 1814.
5. Court Records, JGH 3/546, 1865.
6. Equity Records, JA 14/50, 1894.
7. Land Records; JA 58/61, 1896.
8. JA 14/50, 1894.
9. 2678/305, 1959.
10. 642/261, 1936.
11. 642/262, 1936.
12. 921/88, 1943.
13. Parker Poole, 22400 Davis Mill Road, Germantown; interview. Poole built both of these additions.
14. Ibid.
15. Ibid.
16. Ibid.

Butler's Orchard Log House, 14/47 and Allin Log House, 14/46

Liber/Folio	Date Made	Recorded	Grantee	Grantor	Comments
4011/259	22 Oct. 1970	23 Oct. 1970	Evelyn H. Allin	John O. Allin and Evelyn H. Allin	8.75 acres more or less, same as described in 3816/889
3816/889	12 Dec. 1968	12 Dec. 1968	John O. & Evelyn H. Allin	Thelma A. Allin	8.75 acres, as surveyed by R.K. Maddox, Dec. 6, 1968.
3573/488	10 Nov. 1966	25 Nov. 1966	Thelma A. Allin	Justine A. Straus & Loretta L. Shackelford	42.44 acres more or less,
3573/485	10 Nov. 1966	25 Nov. 1966	Justine A. Straus & Loretta L. Shackelford	Bushrod W. Allin & Thelma A. Allin	same as described in 1115/320
2678/307	20 Nov. 1959	27 Nov. 1959	George H. Butler Jr. & Shirley B. Butler	Elizabeth P. Chichester	36.56 acres more or less, same as described in 1394/523
2678/305	20 Nov. 1959	27 Nov. 1959	Elizabeth P. Chichester	George H. Butler Jr. & Shirley B. Butler	36.56 acres more or less, same as described in 1394/523
1394/523	17 June 1950	21 June 1950	George H. Butler Jr.	Leo E. Berkey & Emeline B. Berkey	36.56 acres more or less, same as described in 1104/290
1104/290	8 Oct. 1947	9 Oct. 1947	Leo E. Berkey & Emeline B. Berkey	Percy K. Norris & Hazel A. Norris	36.56 acres; surveyed by R.K. Maddox, Aug. 19, 1947
1115/320	23 Sept. 1947	13 Nov. 1947	Bushrod W. Allin & Thelma A. Allin	Percy K. Norris & Hazel A. Norris	42.44 acres more or less
921/88	23 Sept. 1943	24 Sept. 1943	Percy K. Norris & Hazel A. Norris	Irvin W. Curtis & Viola M. Curtis	79 acres more or less; 4.24 acres subject to life estate in J. Case.
652/398	12 Jan. 1937	12 Jan. 1937	Irvin W. Curtis & Viola M. Curtis	Robert M. Settle & Birdie M. Settle	Conveys Settles' right of remainder in the 4.24 acres.
642/263	25 Sept. 1936	25 Sept. 1936	John W. Case	Robert M. Settle & Birdie M. Settle	4.24 acres same as previously described, for lifetime use
642/262	25 Sept. 1936	25 Sept. 1936	Irvin W. Curtis & Viola M. Curtis	Robert M. Settle & Birdie M. Settle	79 acres more or less, with 4.24 acres for John W. Case to have for lifetime use.
642/261	14 Aug. 1936	25 Sept. 1936	Robert M. Settle	John W. Case	all of the 79 acres conveyed in 248/440
642/260	10 Aug. 1936	25 Sept. 1936	John W. Case	Jennie Harding & Nicholas Harding; Mollie Hawkins & Sidney Hawkins	deeded their interest, as heirs of James R. Case, deceased, in the 79 acres.
248/440	19 Mar. 1915	24 Mar. 1915	John W. Case & James R. Case	Richard Case	79 acres more or less, same as J.A.58/61
J.A.58/61	17 Dec. 1896		Richard Case	Frank Higgins & Alexander Kilgour, Trustees	79 acres more or less, Dower Lot or Lot No.2; sold at auction on 4 June 1894, Equity Records JA 14/50
Equity Case record J.G.H. No.3 folio 546..... Trustees sale of property of Jacob Miller, deceased...July 1, 1865 Lot No.1, containing 238 acres more or less, was sold to Benjamin Franklin Harris; Lot no.2, subject to the dower right of Mary Miller, remained unsold because the trustees deemed "the amount bid therefor wholly inadequate to the value of said land"					
B.S.10/128	3 Apr. 1840		Jacob Miller	William Ford & Aspenath Ford	309 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres more or less
R/151	4 Apr. 1814		William Ford	John Magruder	309 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres more or less
I/418	18 Apr. 1801	22 May 1801	John Magruder	Edward Magruder	300 acres of land, together with buildings, improvements...
H/477	13 Apr. 1799	29 Apr. 1799	Edward Magruder	William H. Dorsey	729 acres of land more or less.. no mention of any buildings or improvements

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NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON: Butler's Orchard					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: 22222 Davis Mill Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Cedar Grove					
STATE Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work In progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____					
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: G. H. Butler					
STREET AND NUMBER: 22222 Davis Mill Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Cedar Grove			STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Montgomery County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY: None					
DATE OF SURVEY:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
PAGE AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION

14-47

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two-story, log building with a two-bay, main (east) facade. There is a large stone external chimney with a free-standing brick stack on the north end.

To the south, a two-bay, log addition has been made. To the west, a clapboarded kitchen wing has been added.

Behind the house is a log springhouse with a projecting gable.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian

☐ 16th Century

☐ 18th Century

☐ 20th Century

☐ 15th Century

☐ 17th Century

☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☐ Prehistoric

☐ Historic

☐ Agriculture

☐ Architecture

☐ Art

☐ Commerce

☐ Communications

☐ Conservation

☐ Education

☐ Engineering

☐ Industry

☐ Invention

☐ Landscape

Architecture

☐ Literature

☐ Military

☐ Music

☐ Political

☐ Religion/Phi-

losophy

☐ Science

☐ Sculpture

☐ Social/Human-

itarian

☐ Theater

☐ Transportation

☐ Urban Planning

☐ Other (Specify)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

M:14-47

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC	DATE: 22 Mar 74
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



- Paved road
- - - Unpaved road
- ~ ~ ~ Streams

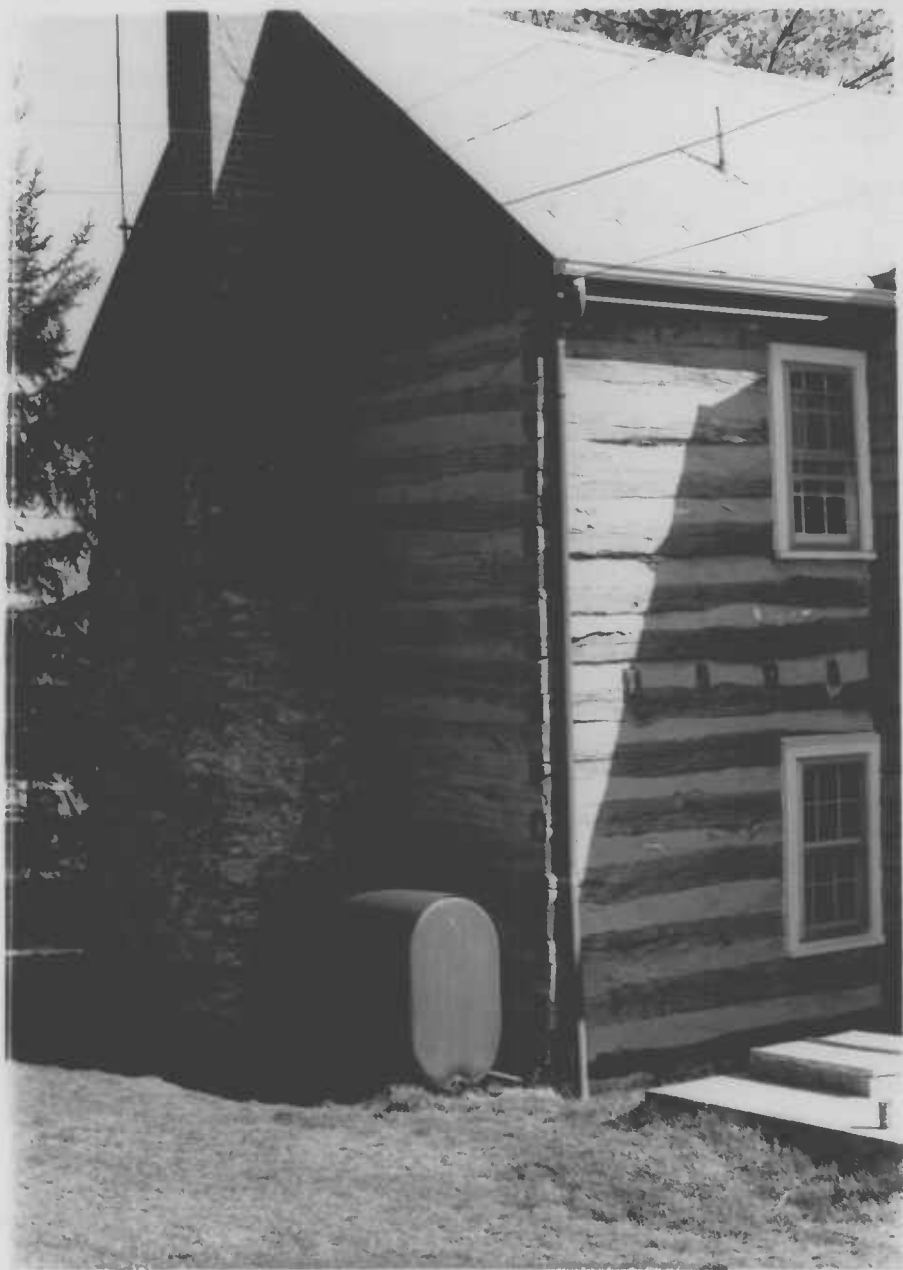
Scale 1" = 2000'
1 mile = approx. 2.6 inches



Butler's Orchard Log House
 February 28, 1979
 (Barbara Knapp, Photographer)
 Original part of house to the right.



Butler's Orchard Log House
 February 28, 1979
 (Barbara Knapp, Photographer)
 Facade: Northeast. Original part of
 house is on the right.



NAME #M14-47 BUTLER'S ORCHARD LOG HOUSE

LOCATION DAVIS MILL + WILDCAT RDS GOSHEN, MD

FACADE NW

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